

MINUTES IF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday, 27th April, 2010 at 7.30 p.m .**

PRESENT H.Tennant (Parish Council Chairman), Councillors A.Moulding (Devon C.C.), and P.Diviani (EDDC), PCSO Amanda Jones, 7 Parish Councillors and 45 Parishioners

Apologies: Mrs. & Mrs. N. Bruzon, Mr. & Mrs. D. Horsey, Mrs. S. Wallace

1. **THE MINUTES** of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th April, 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

First Responder Scheme – Mr. R. Martin reported that Membury’s population was not large enough to meet the necessary criteria.
A first aid training day could be arranged.

3. **PRESENTATION BY MR. M. DICKINS, EDDC PRINCIPAL PLANNING OFFICER**

Local Development Framework – Membury in 2026.

LDF replacing Local Plan as basis for planning policy.

LDF composed of a series of documents “Core Strategy” goes to 2026 and beyond.

EDDC consulting the population as widely as possible.

11,000 houses planned for Cranbrook area.

Growth in remainder of East Devon slower.

Two alternatives for Membury	(i)	no further development
	(ii)	development - but if so, what? affordable or sheltered housing? employment opportunities?

It was agreed that the Parish Council would produce an interim response based on topics raised in The Parish Plan and Village Design Statement, reserving the right to add further issues as they arose. Mr Dickins said that some Planning Inspectors take little notice of Village Design Statements.

4. **MEMBURY FLOOD ALARM & PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN**

Councillor Alex Tasker

Mr. Tasker reported on work undertaken during the year, including a series of meetings with Environment Agency officials to discuss the possibility of a flood warning siren.

The meeting supported the idea of a siren and agreed that the system should be installed and maintained by the Environment Agency, rather than the Parish Council.

It was felt that a Response Team should be set up which would meet at least every 6 months and report to the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting.

Mr. M. Shepherd pointed out that sirens can cause panic and that it is essential for the scheme to be properly managed. He offered to help the Response Team in this regard. Messrs. J. & K. Pearse were thanked for their co-operation regarding the implementation of flood control measures.

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Written reports were supplied by Councillors Moulding and Diviani, the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Tasker – flood report, J. Stevenson and R. Robson – playing field, R. Barrell – Merrymakers, R. Robson - Village Hall, J. Watkins – Footpaths and Mrs. D. Burrough - Parochial Church Council.

There were 2 verbal reports – PCSO Amanda Jones on police matters and Mrs. M. Burrough, Chairman of Membury Community School Governors.

6. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE PARISH PLAN

It was felt that this had already been covered in Item 3.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Robson outlined the special arrangements for Oak Apple Day on 29th May, 2010 – the 350th anniversary of the restoration of the monarchy.

Mr. Tennant reminded the meeting that the closing date for the war memorial restoration appeal was 30th April